CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method of treating psoriasis comprising administering to a patient with psoriasis an effective amount of (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ having the formula:

- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered orally.
- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered parenterally.
- 4. The method of claim 1 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered transdermally.
- 5. The method of claim 1 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered topically.
- 6. The method of claim 1 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 is administered in a dosage of from about $0.01\mu g/day$ to about 100 $\mu g/day$.
- 7. A method of treating a disease selected from the group consisting of leukemia, colon cancer, breast cancer or prostate cancer comprising

administering to a patient with said disease an effective amount of (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ having the formula:

- 8. The method of claim 7 wherein of (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered orally.
- 9. The method of claim 7 wherein of (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered parenterally.
- 10. The method of claim 7 wherein of (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered transdermally.
- 11. The method of claim 7 wherein of (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered in a dosage of from about $0.01\mu g/day$ to about 100 $\mu g/day$.
- 12. A method of treating an autoimmune disease selected from the group consisting of multiple sclerosis, lupis, diabetes, mellitus, host versus graft reaction, and rejection of organ transplants, comprising administering to a patient with said disease an effective amount of (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 having the formula:

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- 13. The method of claim 12 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 is administered orally.
- 14. The method of claim 12 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered parenterally.
- 15. The method of claim 12 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 is administered transdermally.
- 16. The method of claim 12 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered in a dosage of from about $0.01\mu g/day$ to about 100 $\mu g/day$.
- 17. A method of treating an inflammatory disease selected from the group consisting of rheumatoid arthritis, asthma, and inflammatory bowel diseases, comprising administering to a patient with said disease an effective amount of $(20S)-1\alpha$ -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ having the formula:

- 18. The method of claim 17 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 is administered orally.
- 19. The method of claim 17 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered parenterally.
- 20. The method of claim 17 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 is administered transdermally.
- 21. The method of claim 17 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 is administered in a dosage of from about $0.01\mu g/day$ to about 100 $\mu g/day$.
 - 22. (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 having the formula:

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23. A method of treating a skin condition selected from the group consisting of wrinkles, lack of adequate skin firmness, lack of adequate dermal hydration and insufficient sebum secretion which comprises administering to a patient with said skin condition an effective amount of (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 having the formula:

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- 24. The method of claim 23 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 is administered orally.
- 25. The method of claim 23 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 is administered parenterally.
- 26. The method of claim 23 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 is administered transdermally.
- 27. The method of claim 23 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 is administered topically.
- 28. The method of claim 23 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 is administered in a dosage of from about $0.01\mu g/day$ to about 100 $\mu g/day$.

29. A method of treating a metabolic bone disease where it is desired to maintain or increase bone mass comprising administering to a patient with said disease an effective amount of (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ having the formula:

- 30. The method of claim 29 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D_3 is administered orally.
- 31. The method of claim 29 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered parenterally.
- 32. The method of claim 29 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered transdermally.
- 33. The method of claim 29 wherein (20S)- 1α -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D₃ is administered in a dosage of from about $0.01\mu g/day$ to about 100 $\mu g/day$.
 - 34. The method of claim 29 where the disease is senile osteoporosis.
- 35. The method of claim 29 where the disease is postmenopausal osteoporosis.
- 36. The method of claim 29 where the disease is steroid-induced osteoporosis.

- 37. The method of claim 29 where the disease is low bone turnover osteoporosis.
 - 38. The method of claim 29 where the disease is osteomalacia.
 - 39. A compound having the formula:

